

Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Wind Energy Restrictions

Alternative A:

Wind energy development would be allowed within sage-grouse core habitat areas, except in areas that are currently unavailable due to the need to protect sensitive resources.

Surface occupancy or surface disturbing activities would be prohibited or avoided (depending on field office/planning unit) on or within a 0.25-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Portions of sage-grouse core and general habitat areas would be managed as right-of-way (ROW) exclusion and avoidance areas.

Alternative B:

Sage-grouse priority habitat areas would be managed as exclusion areas for new BLM ROW or Forest Service special use authorization (SUA) permits.

Sage-grouse general habitat areas would be managed as avoidance areas for new ROWs or SUAs, except for areas currently managed as ROW exclusion areas.

Alternative C:

Wind energy development would be prohibited in sage-grouse priority and general habitat areas.

Sage-grouse priority and general habitat areas would be managed as ROW exclusion areas for new ROW or SUA permits.

Alternative D:

Wind energy development would be prohibited in sage-grouse core habitat areas, unless it can be sufficiently demonstrated that the development activity would not result in declines of sage-grouse core habitat populations. Sufficient demonstration of “no declines” should be coordinated with the Wyoming Game and Fish Department (WGFD) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Areas that are currently unavailable due to the need to protect sensitive resources would remain unavailable to wind energy development.

Sage-grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy or surface disturbing activities would be prohibited or restricted on or within a 0.25-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Sage-grouse core habitat areas would be managed as ROW exclusion areas for new ROW or SUA permits.

Alternative E:

Wind energy development would be prohibited in sage-grouse core habitat areas, unless it can be sufficiently demonstrated that the development activity would not result in declines of sage-grouse core habitat populations. Sufficient demonstration of “no declines” should be coordinated with the WGFD and USFWS. Areas that are currently unavailable due to the need to protect sensitive resources would remain unavailable to wind energy development.

Sage-grouse leks inside core and connectivity habitat areas: Surface occupancy and surface disturbing activities would be prohibited on or within a 0.6-mile radius of the perimeter of occupied sage-grouse leks.

Sage-grouse core habitat areas would be managed as ROW avoidance areas for new ROW or SUA permits.



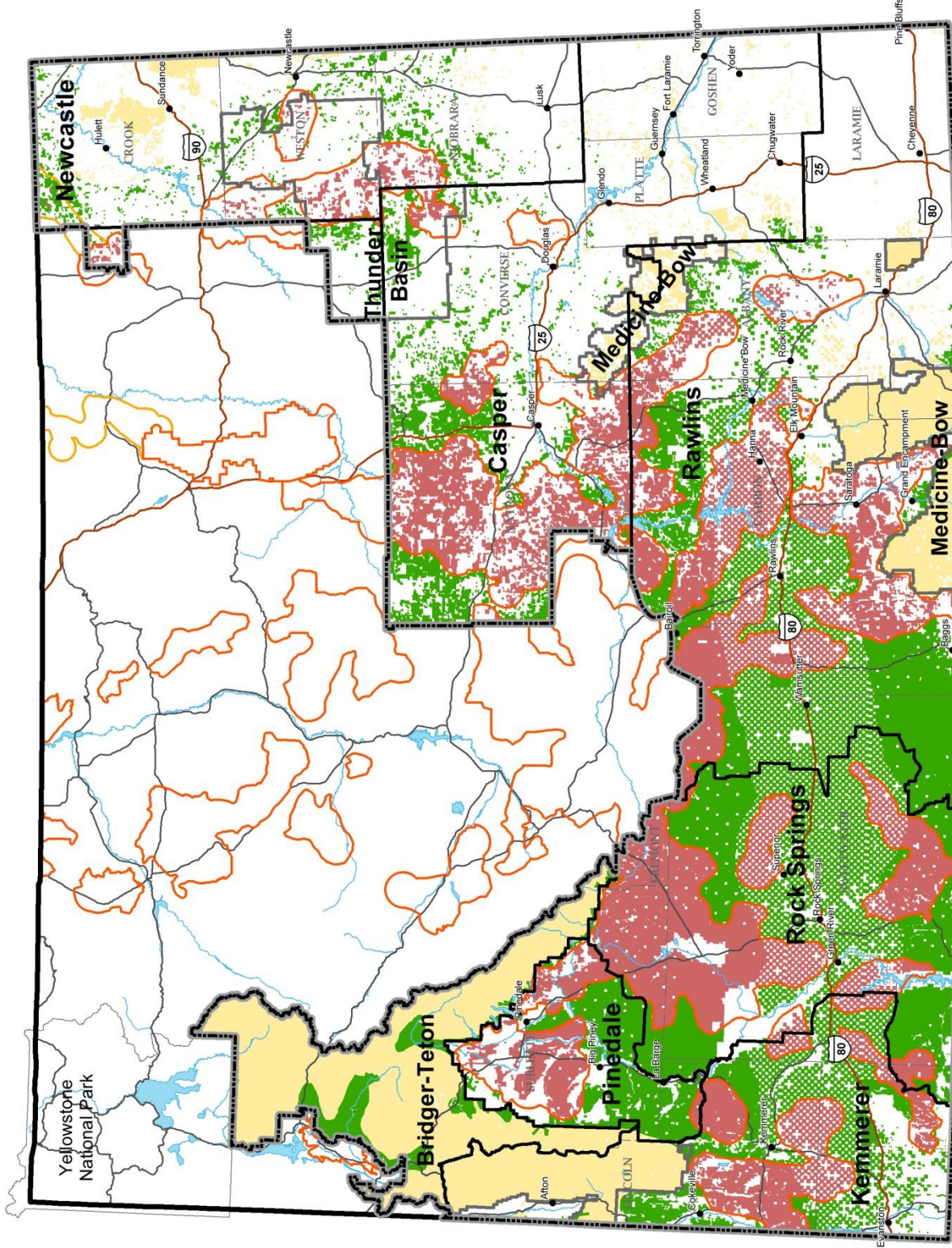
****For more information on management actions pertaining to wind energy restrictions, please refer to Chapter 2 of the *Wyoming Greater Sage-Grouse Draft Land Use Plan Amendment and Draft EIS*.**

Wyoming Sage-Grouse Land Use Plan Amendments

Map 2-33: Alternative E
Wind Energy
Development Restrictions

- LUP Amendments Planning Area
- BLM Field Office Boundary
- Forest Service Planning Unit Boundary
- Closed to Wind Energy*
- Wind Energy Development Restricted
- BLM and USFS Surface Lands
- Sage-grouse Priority/Core Habitat Areas
- Sage-grouse Connectivity Habitat Areas
- Counties
- Water
- Interstate
- State / US Hwy
- Cities

*unless sage-grouse declines would not occur



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